

A charter amendment that prohibits Alderpersons from taking actions on policies where they have a personal or financial conflict of interest, requires that Alderpersons’ financial disclosure statements be open to the public, establishes an independent citizens commission, which shall have a diverse group of members, hold public hearings, and draw ward boundary maps that keep neighborhoods and communities together, prohibit lobbyists, Alderpersons, and others with conflicts of interest from serving on the independent citizens commission, and protect the rights of voters by prohibiting the Board of Alderpersons from overturning the will of the people on voting methods for municipal offices without a public vote?

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis lacks laws common in other cities to prohibit Alderpersons from engaging in conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis can become a leader in creating an equitable, transparent, citizen-led redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, protecting the rights of voters is more important now than ever before; and

WHEREAS, our community-driven effort is taking a reform measure directly to voters to stop gerrymandering, increase transparency at the Board of Alderpersons and make our leaders accountable to all St. Louisans;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 28- Definitions

As used in Sections 28 to 34, the following terms mean :

1. "Applicant", an individual who applies to serve on the People's Commission.
2. "City", the City of St. Louis
3. "Commission", the People's Commission.
4. "Controlling Person", an officer, director, manager, principal, shareholder, or member with at least 10% ownership of a legal entity.
5. "Day", a calendar day, except that if the final day of a period within which an act is to be performed is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday in which City offices are closed, the period is extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday in which City offices are closed.
6. "Decennial Census", the national decennial census taken under the direction of the United States Congress at the beginning of each decade.
7. "First Degree Relative", a parent, spouse, or child.
8. "Committee", the Oversight Committee
9. "Parent "the natural or adopted parents or someone who acted as a parent in lieu of a natural or adopted parent.
10. "Spouse", a licensed marriage spouse or registered domestic partner.
11. "Child or children", the natural, foster, and adopted child or children, and stepchild or stepchildren.
12. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the term Alderperson shall include an Alderman or Alderwoman.
13. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the term Board of Alderpersons shall include the Board of Aldermen.

Section 29- The People's Commission

- A. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members who represent the demographic make-up of the City of St. Louis. The members shall be chosen to ensure the Commission reflects the City's diversity, including, but not limited to, racial, ethnic, sexuality, ability, age, area of residence, and gender diversity. However, it is not intended that formulas or specific ratios be applied for this purpose.
- B. Members of the Commission shall:
 1. Be registered voters in the City of St. Louis for at least three consecutive years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the Commission;
 2. Have voted in at least one municipal election in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the Commission; and
 3. Be free of conflicts of interest. For the purposes of this section, a conflict of interest arises if, in the two years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the Commission, an applicant, or a First Degree Relative of the applicant has:
 - a. Been appointed to, elected to, or been a candidate for state, county, or City office;
 - b. Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party or of the campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county, federal, or City office;

- c. Been a registered state lobbyist, or local lobbyist who represented clients with interests in front of City government;
 - d. Been a paid employee of the City of St. Louis; a person performing paid services under professional or political contract to the City, to the Board of Alderpersons, or to any member of the Board of Alderpersons; any Controlling Person of any such enterprise providing a professional or political contracted service to the City, to the Board of Alderpersons, or to any member of the Board of Alderpersons.
- C. Applicants shall complete an application form provided by the Clerk of the Board of Alderpersons. Such form shall be provided in paper form at the Board of Alderpersons, City Hall Room 230 and online on the website for the Board of Alderpersons. The form shall request such information as determined by the Clerk, but shall include the following:
1. Name of Applicant;
 2. Birthdate;
 3. Current address of residence, including ward;
 4. Length of residence at current address;
 5. Addresses for past five years if other than current address;
 6. Race;
 7. Ethnicity;
 8. Sexual Orientation;
 9. Gender Identity;
 10. A checkbox for an applicant to self-identify as an individual with a disability;
 11. Business or occupation engaged in during the preceding five years, including address of and date of service with each business or occupation;
 12. Branch, date, and rank at discharge of military service;
 13. Educational background, including high school and college credits, the name of each educational institution attended and any degree or diploma received;
 14. Description of and date of service in civic or community organizations;
 15. Memberships in professional, technical, or other organizations;
 16. A statement of qualifications not longer than 300 words expressing the reasons why the Applicant believes he or she is qualified to serve as a member of the Commission; and
 17. An acknowledgement, signed by the Applicant, that he or she is a registered voter in the City and has voted in at least one municipal election in the preceding five years.
- D. The Applicant shall be required to sign the application form under penalty of perjury.
- E. The application period shall be advertised in both the City Journal and on the Board of Alderpersons' website. The application period shall open one month following receipt of the Decennial Census information. The application period shall remain open for at least 30 days but not longer than 45 days or until at least fifty (50) applications are received including at least one (1) applicant from each ward existing at the time of the Decennial Census, whichever is longer. If, after forty-five (45) calendar days, the applicant pool does not include one (1) applicant from each ward or does not include at least fifty 50 applications, the Alderperson(s) in the wards without any applicants shall nominate at least one Applicant from their ward. All nominees shall complete the application as provided by this Section. Nominees are not guaranteed to be selected for the Commission. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for the purposes of redistricting based on the 2020 Decennial Census information, the application period shall open no later than ten (10) days after this Section goes into effect.
- F. There is hereby established an Oversight Committee that shall be responsible for selecting the first four (4) members of the Commission.
- G. No later than thirty (30) days after the first meeting of the Board of Alderpersons following the receipt of the Decennial Census information, the Board of Alderpersons shall select an Oversight Committee of five (5) individuals consisting of one (1) representative from the Planning and Urban Design Agency, one (1) representative from the Comptroller's Office and three (3) retired judges. If the Board of Alderpersons fails to select an Oversight Committee, responsibility for selection of a Committee shall pass to the Office of the Comptroller. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for the purposes of redistricting based on the 2020 Decennial Census information, the Board of Alderpersons shall meet and select an Oversight Committee no later than thirty (30) days after this Section goes into effect.
- H. To be eligible to serve on the Oversight Committee as a retired judge, the judge must:

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1. Have served a minimum of five (5) years as a judge in one of the following jurisdictions: 22nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri; 21st Judicial Circuit of Missouri; The Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District; or The Missouri Supreme Court;
 2. Reside in the City of St. Louis or St. Louis County; and
 3. Not currently be employed by the City.
- I. Within ten (10) days after the effective date of this Section, the Clerk of the Board of Alderperson shall post online a request for letters of interest to serve on the Oversight Committee be sent to the Clerk. The Clerk shall also send the information for service on the Oversight Committee to the Missouri Bar Association and request they post the information online.
 - J. The Planning and Urban Design Agency shall nominate one (1) current or former staff member with the appropriate expertise from the Planning and Urban Design Agency to serve on the Oversight Committee.
 - K. The Comptroller shall nominate one (1) staff member with appropriate expertise from the Comptroller's Office to serve on the Oversight Committee.
 - L. Within one (1) day of the closing of the application period, the Clerk of the Board of Alderpersons shall transfer all applications for membership on the Commission to the Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee shall have seven (7) days to review all applications and remove any application that does not meet the requirements of this Section. The Oversight Committee shall provide a list of all Applicants to the Board of Alderpersons. Each Alderperson may strike one (1) Applicant from the list and such Applicant will be removed from consideration for membership on the Commission. In order to strike an Applicant, an Alderperson must provide their strike, in writing, to the Clerk of the Board of Alderpersons within fourteen (14) days of the Board of Alderpersons receiving the list of Applicants from the Oversight Committee. If the Clerk does not receive a strike within fourteen (14) days, the Alderperson forfeits their strike. The names of Applicants who are stricken and the Alderperson who struck each Applicant shall be published online within five (5) days of the end of the fourteen (14) day period.
 - M. At the conclusion of the fourteen (14) days, the Clerk of the Board of Alderpersons shall transmit the list of Applicants with stricken Applicants removed, if any Alderperson utilized their strike, to the Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee shall draw at random four (4) Applicants from the remaining Applicant pool to serve as members of the Commission. This shall be completed no later than three (3) months following the opening of the application period.
 - N. The four (4) members selected by the Oversight Committee shall be sworn in within five (5) days of their selection and convene within ten (10) days of their selection in order to select the five (5) remaining members of the Commission. These five (5) members shall be selected from the remaining Applicant pool as described in Subsection M.
 1. The four (4) members shall review the remaining applications and select the remaining members by a three (3) vote majority.
 2. If the result of a vote for a potential member of the Commission results in a tie, the Oversight Committee shall be empowered to break any such tie.
 3. The four (4) members shall select the remaining members of the Commission with the goal of balancing the Commission's diversity across areas of residence within the City, age, gender, race, sexual orientation, ability, and ethnicity in a manner that reflects the demographics of the City.
 - O. The Oversight Committee shall establish criteria for diversity of the Commission that ensures adequate representation of traditionally underrepresented groups as described in Subsection A. The four (4) members of the Commission selected by the Oversight Committee shall utilize these criteria when selecting the remaining members of the Commission.
 - P. The Oversight Committee shall swear in the newly selected five (5) members of the Commission. Within ten (10) days of the new members being sworn in, the Commission shall convene a meeting to select two (2) alternates from the remaining Applicant pool to serve in the event a member of the Commission is unable to complete their term of service. Alternates shall be selected by a simple majority of the Commission. At this same meeting, the Commission shall select one (1) of its members to serve as the chair and one (1) to serve as the vice chair. The chair and vice chair shall remain voting members of the Commission.
 1. The chair shall convene meetings of the Commission pursuant to the requirements of this Section.
 - Q. Within five (5) days of being sworn in, members of the Commission shall file a written declaration, on a form to be provided by the Clerk of the Board of Alderpersons, that they will not seek election to a City public office or accept appointment to any City public office in the election immediately following the conclusion of their service on the Commission. Alternates shall sign the declaration if they are required to serve on the Commission.
 - R. In addition to the written declaration, members of the Commission shall file a Missouri Ethics Commission Personal Financial Disclosure with the St. Louis City Board of Election Commissioners. Alternates shall file a Missouri Ethics Commission Personal Financial Disclosure if they are required to serve on the Commission.
 - S. Members of the Commission and the Oversight Committee shall not be compensated for their service but are eligible for reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the duties performed pursuant to this Article.
 - T. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no employer shall discharge, threaten to discharge, intimidate, coerce, or retaliate against any employee by reason of such employee's membership on the Commission or attendance or scheduled attendance at any meeting of the Commission.

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Section 30 -Redistricting

- A. The Commission shall be responsible for the redistricting of the City of St. Louis at least once every ten (10) years. Such redistricting shall be completed no later than December 31 of the year following the completion of the Decennial Census. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, redistricting following the receipt of the 2020 Decennial Census information shall be completed no later than May 31, 2022. If this section becomes effective less than three months prior to March 30, 2022, the deadline for completing redistricting based on the 2020 Decennial Census information shall be August 31, 2022.
- B. The Commission shall meet for the first time no later than three (3) months after its appointment and no later than three (3) months before the deadline to complete redistricting. The Commission shall establish the boundaries of the wards for the City of St. Louis pursuant to the following criteria as set forth in the following order of priority:
1. Wards shall be established in a manner so as to comply with all requirements of the United States Constitution and applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (as amended). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, districts shall not be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or diminishing their ability to elect representatives of their choice, whether by themselves or by voting in concert with other persons.
 2. Wards shall be composed of contiguous territory. Areas that meet only at the point of adjoining corners are not contiguous.
 3. Wards shall be designed to minimize the division of and maintain the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest, to the extent possible without violating the requirements in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Subsection. For the purposes of this Section, a community of interest shall be defined as a contiguous population with shared race, ethnicity, and/or language identity, and shared common social and economic interests that should be included within a single ward for the purposes of effective and fair representation. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.
 4. To the extent consistent with the preceding requirements, wards shall be designed to be compact in form. In general, compact wards are those which are square, rectangular, or hexagonal in shape to the extent permitted by natural or political boundaries.
 5. To the extent consistent with the preceding requirements, wards shall be designed using geographically identifiable boundaries, such as natural boundaries, street lines, or city boundary lines.
- C. Five (5) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. Five (5) or more affirmative votes shall be required for any official action, including approval of a final plan establishing the boundaries of any ward.
- D. The Commission shall convene and hold as many meetings as necessary to draw a preliminary map. These meetings shall include public hearings where public comments shall be received by the Commission. At minimum, there shall be three (3) public hearings before the Commission votes on a preliminary plan. They shall be held in the north, south, and central areas of the City of St. Louis.
- E. Following the Commission's vote approving the preliminary plan, there shall be at least three (3) public hearings, held in the north, south, and central areas of the City, on different dates to receive public comments on the preliminary plan. The Commission shall also display the approved preliminary plan for written public comment in a manner designed to achieve the widest public access reasonably possible. Written public comment shall be taken for at least one (1) month from the date of public display of the approved preliminary plan.
- F. After public comment is received and public hearings are completed on the preliminary plan, but before formulating the final plan, the Commission shall present the preliminary plan to a committee of the whole of the Board of Alderpersons. By a vote of a majority of members present, the Board of Alderpersons may make objections or recommendations to the preliminary plan. The Commission may accept or reject any objections or recommendations made by the Board of Alderpersons.
- G. The Commission shall vote on a proposed final map and subsequently hold three (3) public hearings, in the north, south, and central areas of the City. The Commission shall provide the public with seven (7) days to submit written comments after the completion of the three (3) public hearings. The Commission shall be finished with all hearings and adopt a final map no later than December 31 of the year following the release of the Decennial Census information, except for 2020 where the time shall be extended to May 31, 2022. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if this Section becomes effective less than three (3) months prior to the March 30, 2022 deadline for completing redistricting based on the 2020 Decennial Census information the deadline shall be August 31, 2022. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if a state of emergency is declared that includes the City of St. Louis, the Board of Alderpersons may extend the deadline in this Subsection.
- H. Upon adoption of a final map, the Commission shall certify the map to the Board of Alderpersons. The Board of Alderpersons shall be prohibited from making any changes to the Commission's map. The Commission's map shall be adopted as an ordinance and codified in the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis. In conjunction with certifying the final map, the Commission shall issue a report explaining the basis for its decisions.
- I. The Commission may vote, by simple majority, to present any disputes to the Oversight Committee at a public hearing. The Oversight Committee shall offer its resolution to the conflict within 48 hours of the public hearing.
- J. Failure to certify a final ward map to the Board of Alderpersons by December 31 of the year following the release of the Decennial Census information, except for 2020 where the time shall be extended to May 31, 2022, shall result in the Oversight Committee hearing the disputes in a public hearing and mandating appropriate resolutions, including a final ward map. In the event of failure by the Commission to finalize a ward map, the final ward map shall be drawn and approved by the oversight

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committee and certified to the Board of Alderpersons no later than 30 days after the Commission's deadline to certify a map to the Board of Alderpersons. If this Section becomes effective less than three (3) months prior to the March 30, 2022 deadline for completing redistricting based on the 2020 Federal Decennial Census Information the deadline shall be August 31, 2022.

K. The Commission and Oversight Committee shall:

1. Comply with all state and City requirements for open meetings and records, including, but not limited to Chapter 610, RSMo; and
2. Ensure that all documents, records, and data utilized are made available to the public in an immediate and widespread manner.

L. Members of the Commission and the Oversight Committee shall be prohibited from initiating or receiving any communications from the public regarding redistricting matters other than at a public hearing or through official written comment. Nothing in this Subsection prohibits communication between Commission members, Oversight Committee members, legal counsel, and consultants retained to assist with redistricting. All such communication shall comply with open meeting and open record requirements, including such requirements in Chapter 610, RSMo.

M. An individual from the Research Department of the Planning and Urban Design Agency shall be assigned to the Commission to provide assistance, guidance, consultation, GIS mapping, and other resources needed by the Commission to fulfill the requirements of this Section.

N. An individual from the City Counselor's Office shall be assigned to the Commission to provide assistance, legal guidance, consultation, and other resources needed by the Commission to fulfill the requirements of this Section.

O. The Commission is authorized to hire consultants, provided that the compensation of such persons be limited to the period in which the Commission is actively engaged in the redistricting process. The Commission shall establish criteria for the hiring and removal of these individuals, communication protocols, and a code of conduct including conflicts of interest, consistent with this Section.

P. The Commission is authorized to utilize redistricting software.

Q. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the map adopted pursuant to this section shall be the final ward map and shall supercede any other map adopted pursuant to any other provision of this Charter or the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis.

Section 31- Conflicts of Interest

A. A member of the Board of Alderpersons or employee of the Board of Alderpersons may not use his or her official position or office, or take or fail to take any action, or influence others to take or fail to take any action, in a manner which he or she knows, or has reason to believe, may result in a personal or financial benefit for himself or herself; anyone related to the Alderperson or employee in the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity; or a nongovernmental civic group, union, social, charitable, or religious organization of which the Alderperson or employee (or his or her spouse or registered domestic partner) is an officer, director, or board member, or which he or she holds any other position on the organization's administrative or governing body.

B. An Alderperson or employee serving as a member of a board, commission, or any other entity as a representative of the City shall not have a conflict of interest when the business of that entity is before the City. An Alderperson or employee serving as a member of a board, commission, or any other entity not as a representative of the City but as a private citizen, even if the board, commission, or entity seeks out an Alderperson or employee to serve on such board, commission, or entity because of their position within the City, shall have a conflict of interest when matters touching upon the business of the board, commission, or any other entity comes before the City.

C. An Alderperson or employee has a conflict of interest with respect to any labor contract to which he or she, or his or her spouse, may be a party.

D. An Alderperson or employee must declare, on a form provided by the Clerk of the Board of Alderpersons, conflict of interest under this Section. The Alderperson or employee must complete and deliver such form to the Legal Counsel to the Board of Alderpersons within ninety-six (96) hours of the introduction of any ordinance, resolution, order, or other matter in the Board of Alderpersons in which the Alderperson or employee has a potential conflict.

E. To the extent an Alderperson or employee believes that despite the existence of the circumstances described in this Section, they do not have a conflict of interest, they may request an opinion from the Legal Counsel of the Board of Alderpersons to determine whether there is a conflict. Such opinions shall be made publicly available on the Board of Alderpersons' website within one day of the Legal Counsel issuing the opinion.

F. Any Alderperson with a conflict of interest on any matter shall abstain from voting but shall be counted present for the purposes of a quorum.

G. Any individual may file a complaint against any Alderperson or employee for failing to comply with this Section. A complaint shall be filed with the Legal Counsel of the Board of Alderpersons on a form provided by the Clerk of the Board of Alderpersons.

H. The Legal Counsel to the Board of Alderpersons has the power to seek a fee in the Municipal Court of the City of St. Louis of no less than \$500 dollars and no greater than \$5000 dollars per incident against any Alderperson or employee the Legal Counsel finds to be in violation of this Section.

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- I. The Legal Counsel to the Board of Alderpersons is hereby authorized to establish procedures to implement this Section.

Section 32- Outside Employment

- A. An Alderperson or an employee of the Board of Alderpersons shall not accept employment or enter into a contract that:
1. Interferes with the discharge of their public duty; or
 2. Creates a conflict of interest, as described in Section 31 of this Article, that would materially impair their ability to serve the City.
- B. An Alderperson or an employee of the Board of Alderpersons shall not accept employment or enter into a contract with any party or beneficiary relating to:
1. A pending or existing City contract if the Alderperson or employee participated in the negotiation, development, awarding, or management of that contract; or
 2. Any other matter before the Board of Alderpersons.
- C. An Alderperson or employee shall not solicit or accept any money or other thing of value in return for advice or assistance on matters concerning the operation or business of City government or any matter before the Board of Alderpersons.
- D. An Alderperson or employee shall not represent any person or organization for a fee or any other thing of value before the Mayor, Board of Alderpersons, member of the Board of Alderpersons, any department of the City, or any City board, agency, commission, or committee of a City board, agency or commission.
- E. An Alderperson or employee shall notify the Legal Counsel of the Board of Alderpersons before accepting outside employment or entering into a contract for providing services. Such notification shall be submitted annually on the last Monday of January of each year that the outside employment or contract for services exists. The notification shall be in writing on a form provided by the Clerk of the Board of Alderpersons
- F. Notifications described in Subsection E shall be made available for public inspection and copying within five (5) days of receipt by the Legal Counsel to the Board of Alderpersons. Notifications shall also be made publicly available on the Board of Alderpersons website. If the Legal Counsel determines the notification needs curing, the Legal Counsel shall allow the Alderperson or employee 72 hours to amend and return the form prior to public inspection.
- G. Any individual may file a complaint against any Alderperson or employee for failing to comply with this Section. A complaint shall be filed with the Legal Counsel to the Board of Alderpersons on a form provided by the Clerk of the Board of Alderpersons.
- H. The Legal Counsel to the Board of Alderpersons has the power to seek a fee in the Municipal Court of the City of St. Louis of no less than \$500 dollars and no greater than \$5000 dollars against any member or employee the Legal Counsel to the Board of Alderpersons finds to be in violation of this Section.
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Section 33- Prohibited Activities

- A. After November 12, 2021, no Alderperson or employee of the Board of Alderpersons shall act, serve, or register as a lobbyist to directly or indirectly influence a decision of the City or any department or agency thereof until one year after termination of their service or employment.
- B. After November 12, 2021, no Alderperson or employee of the Board of Alderpersons, until the expiration of five calendar years after the conclusion of the aldermanic session in which the Alderperson or employee last served, shall attempt to directly or indirectly influence any action in front of any department or agency of St. Louis City, or any court, on behalf of any other person in connection with a particular matter:
1. In which the City of St. Louis is a party or has a direct and substantial interest;
 2. In which the Alderperson or employee participated during their term of service or employment at the Board of Alderpersons; and
 3. Which involved a specific party or specific parties at the time of such participation.
- C. After November 12, 2021, no Alderperson or employee of the Board of Alderpersons, until the expiration of five calendar years after the conclusion of the aldermanic session in which the Alderperson or employee last served, shall attempt to directly or indirectly influence any action in front of any department or agency of St. Louis City, or any court, on behalf of any other person in connection with a particular matter:
1. In which the City of St. Louis is a party or has a direct and substantial interest;
 2. In which the Alderperson or employee knows or reasonably should know was actually pending under his or her official responsibility as such officer or employee within a period of one (1) year before the termination of his or her service or employment with the Board of Alderpersons; and

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3. Which involved a specific party or specific parties at the time it was so pending.

- D. Any individual may file a complaint against any Alderperson or employee for failing to comply with this Section. A complaint shall be filed with the Legal Counsel of the Board of Alderpersons on a form provided by the Clerk to the Board of Alderpersons.
- E. The Legal Counsel to the Board of Alderpersons has the power to seek a fee in the Municipal Court of the City of St. Louis of no less than \$500 dollars and no greater than \$5000 dollars against any member or employee the Legal Counsel to the Board of Alderpersons finds to be in violation of this Section.
- F. The Legal Counsel to the Board of Alderpersons is hereby authorized to establish procedures to implement this Section.

Section 34- Competitive Elections

- A. The purpose of this section is to protect voters' rights and prevent the Board of Alderpersons from overturning the will of the people pertaining to voter-enacted reforms that create competitive elections and elect candidates with broad support.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in the event the Board of Alderpersons approve an ordinance changing the method of voting for municipal offices to another method of voting, the ordinance shall be submitted by the Board of Alderpersons to a public vote. The new method for voting for municipal offices shall only be in effect if a majority of the voters voting on the ordinance approve of it.

Section 35-Severability

If any provision of sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, or 34, or the application thereof to anyone or any circumstance is held invalid the remainder of those provisions and the application of such provisions to others or other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.